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SUBJECT: INVITEES TO MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

REF: (A) DAR ES SALAAM 1539; (B) DAR ES SALAAM 1660

1. AS MAY BE EXPECTED, ONE OF MAIN TOPICS IN LOQRENCO MARQUES RUMOR MILL IS LIST OF INVITEES TO MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS, WHICH WE NOW UNDERSTAND TOTALS ONLY 400, RATHER THAN 4,000 AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. LIST INCLUDES FOLLOWING:

A) TOTAL OF SIX FROM UN, INCLUDING TANG, UNDERSECRETARY FOR DECOLONIZATION, AND THE CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN RESPECTIVELY OF COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION. UN RESREP TOLD CONGEN UNSYG WALDHEIM HAS NOT BEEN INVITED.

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B) MARVIN HARRIS, US PROFESSOR FROM UNIV. OF SYRACUSE AND AUTHOR OF "PORTUGAL'S AFRICAN WARDS". (SOURCE REPORTS HE HAS ACTUALLY RECEIVED HIS INVITATION.)

C) MIGUEL ARRAES, BRAZILIAN EXILED OPPOSITION LEADER. REPORTEDLY ALSO HAS RECEIVED HIS INVITATION.

D) OAU PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE AND TWO AFRICAN PRIME MINISTERS (WHILE WE ARE NOT SURE, WE SUSPECT PM'S ARE TWO HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS OF OAU). SOURCE INDICATED THESE ARE ONLY AFRICAN CHIEF OF STATE AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO ATTEND AND WAS POSITIVE NEITHER KAUNDA NOR NYERERE WOULD COME. IF TRUE, ONLY EXPLANATION WE HAVE IS THAT FRELIMO HAS DECIDED IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN AURA OF AFRICAN UNITY AND NOT DISCRIMINATE AMONG AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE TO EXCLUDE THOSE IT DISLIKES - E.G. AMIN, BANDA. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, HOWEVER, REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL OAU COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN INVITED.

E) SWAZILAND OPPOSITION LEADER SUMA (PHONETIC). SWAZI GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY FURIOUS.

2. BELIEVE AMBASSADOR CARTER'S TALKS WITH VIEIRA (REF B) CONFIRM USG WILL NOT RECEIVE OFFICIAL INVITATION.

3. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON RECOMMENDED USG POSTURE TOWARD INDIVIDUAL VIP'S INVITED INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES AND ON PROPRIETY OF INDEPENDENCE GIFT.
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